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# EMBRACIN

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## About

The EMBRACIN project - Enhancing Migrants' Bottom-up, Responsive and Citizen-led Integration in Europe offers a new approach to the reception and integration of third-country nationals in Europe. The project aims to develop and test a model of integration which can be valid for all European Countries, starting from the assumptions of "6+6x6". The partners coming from different countries across Europe (Italy, Slovenia, Germany, Greece, Cyprus, Spain, Sweden), will raise awareness and capacity building on integration policies topics among European local authorities, in particular Municipalities, with the final aim to increase the number of municipalities which will sign the Memorandum of understanding to promote and engage the specific model.

## EMBRACIN PARTNERS

Partners had the opportunity to meet twice during the past few months. They first met in April for the Transnational Exchange meeting in Seville, Spain. Prof. Antonio Caló, the inspiration of the EMBRACIN project also joined the meeting, together with members of the Scientific Board, Salvatore Petronella and Edileny Tome de Mata. The meeting was organised by one of our partners, FAMSI. During these 2 days, partners discussed the progress of the project and the work plan on future tasks. They had the opportunity to meet with third-country nationals that moved to Seville and took part in the EMBRACIN model. A conference was scheduled for locals to learn about the project, hear from Prof. Caló and his experience as a host of migrants and also learn about his book "IT CAN BE DONE". FAMSI closed this interesting meeting with a concert from ONE PAC & FELLOWS.



Transnational meeting in Seville, April 6 & 7, 2022

## OTHER NEWS

To enhance your knowledge on integration of migrants, the partners suggest reading the article produced by OECD "Working Together for Local Integration of Migrants and Refugees". Find the article [here](#).



# RETHINKING INTEGRATION ON A EUROPEAN LEVEL

The workshop cycle "Rethinking integration on a European level" was organized from the project partners ECCAR from April to June, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The webinars were a mixture of lectures, discussion rounds, group work and presentations of practical examples. The invited speakers were people involved in the integration of migrants in Europe. The participants could ask questions and start discussions about issues that concerned them. The webinars were divided into 3 clusters: Elements of integration, Local policy and Awareness. Participants all over Europe joined the webinars and brilliant speakers offered their knowledge on the subject.

The feedback from participants revealed their interest in the subject and the need for further trainings.

All webinars are available on the [project's website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

**Current Projects**

**Donation Drive Project**

- The undeniable impact of the pandemic in the economy has disproportionately affected families and individuals of low socioeconomic status
- Through our Donation Drive project, we aim to support disadvantaged people
- We provide:
  - Food - Hygiene essentials - Clothes - Bedding - Kitchen utensils
- In 2021, Donation Drive assisted 800 people in our community
- Our goal for 2022 is to deliver 1550 support boxes
- We wish to achieve this goal with the help and support of individual people and companies that are sensitive to social issues

**DONATION DRIVE**

**MOBIO - MOBILE BIOGRAPHY FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS**

European Capital of Democracy

ROLF HACKENBROCH  
Education Coordinator for New Immigrants

THE INNOVATION IN POLITICS INSTITUTE

<https://innovationinpolitics.eu/showroom/project/mobio-mobile-biography-for-new-immigrants/>

EMBRACIN - 18 May 2022

**ALDA**

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EPIC

**EMBRACIN: Rethinking Integration on a European Level**

Online Workshop Series  
21.04.2022 - 10.06.2022

Participants: Evelyne Obidior, ECCAR; Faisal Mohamed; Ana Alvarez (Migraprenes); Nils Vieten - ECCAR Office; Mikaela Burge; Jeremiah Bah.

## EMBRACIN LIVING LAB

Following the webinars, a Living lab was organised by ECCAR to be implemented between partners. The living lab "Reflecting Power" was conducted in Heidelberg, Germany on the 9th and 10th of June 2022. The objective was for all partners to work together and share their thoughts on integration. With the guidance of different facilitators, the participants explored the city, learned about the colonial history of Heidelberg and compared the past with the present by identifying continuities.

Partners took a lot with them during those days, but the most important lesson was that to be able to fight against discrimination is important to acknowledge where and how racism started and address where it still exists.

**LIVING LAB - HEIDELBERG, GERMANY**

**CITY TOUR  
COLONIAL TRACES  
& CONTINUITIES IN HEIDELBERG**

**JUNE 9 & 10, 2022**

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## PILOT ACTIVITIES

**Slovenia:** It has been busy and interesting in the last three months for our EMBRACIN participants in Hoče. In April they started with computer skills training facilitated by a student. Participants have been practicing their Slovene and English language skills with volunteers. This time period was filled with various events: a culinary workshop, Human Library at the local market, trip to Botanical garden, trip to the coastal city of Izola, and public presentation of Iran at the local high school, among others. In May participants were provided with 10-hour first aid training held by SRC - Maribor. They all received certificates of first aid knowledge, which is a great addition to their resume for employability. They celebrated World refugee day in solidarity by voluntary blood donations just like last year. Hopefully this will become a traditional event.



**Greece:** Parallel to their Greek Language Lessons at the Language Institute, beneficiaries were invited to join a Social Worker and Greek volunteers for a night of cinema, namely Top Gun Maverick with Tom Cruise. Additionally, one of the newcomers, is currently being trained in tattoo art at a private vocational school offering recognized professional certificates upon completion of the 100-hour course. Finally, during this period of the pilot, a few of the beneficiaries took the Greek language competency exams. Results are due by the end of August 2022. Good luck to them!

**Cyprus:** Beneficiaries in Cyprus participated in a Charity Futsal Tournament, organized by the Municipality of Engomi and the Municipal Youth Council of Engomi, in cooperation with the Cyprus Youth Organization. The tournament proceeds were donated to the charity foundation "Mikroi Iroes" (Little Heroes) which supports children with cancer and their families. Beneficiaries played football in a mixed team (migrants with locals) and had the opportunity to exercise and socialize.



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